

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO DOYLE DAVIDSON

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Doyle Davidson of La Junta, Colorado recently announced his retirement from the Colorado Boys Ranch, a residential treatment facility for at-risk boys. I am honored to recognize Doyle's dedication and commitment to our youth before my colleagues here today.

Like so many brave men and women of his generation, Doyle heeded his country's call and served as an Army officer during World War II. Doyle participated in the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge, and received the Bronze Medal for distinguished military service. He then went on to serve in Korea before returning home and embarking on a life marked by his service to the community.

As an active community member, Doyle has served on several local Chambers of Commerce, including those in Delta, Pueblo, and Canon City. He is also active in groups ranging from the La Junta Rotary to the Southern Colorado Economic Development District. In addition, Doyle was appointed to serve on several State councils and committees, including the Colorado State Highway Council and the Highway Legislative Review Committee.

Doyle's hard work has not gone unnoticed. He was named Good Will Ambassador for the State of Colorado by former Governor John Love, and has been honored with the prestigious Ft. Carson Good Neighbor of the Year Award for 1988. However, more valuable than awards and accolades, Doyle has also earned the respect and admiration of his fellow Coloradans.

Mr. Speaker, Doyle Davidson has given many years of service to his country and his community, and I am honored to pay tribute to his accomplishments before this nation today. Doyle has been a tireless and dedicated servant of Colorado and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Thank you, Doyle, for your many years of service.

### IN MEMORY OF MARGE HARTIGAN

#### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Marge Hartigan, an extraordinary woman who passed away on June 28, 2003, after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer. Marge was married to Illinois Appellate Court Judge Neil Hartigan for 41 years and was the very proud mother of four children: John, Elizabeth Connelly, Laura Jenkins and Bridget Routh, and the loving grandmother of five.

Marge Hartigan was born in New York and raised in Connecticut. After graduating from Rosemont College in Rosemont, Pennsylvania, she married Neil and later moved to Chicago, Illinois where she lived the remainder of her life. She made an indelible impact on the community through her philanthropic involvement with dozens of Chicago area foundations and organizations. She held positions on the boards and executive committees of such groups as the Chicago Trust, the Boys and Girls Club of Chicago, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Field Museum, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Children's Memorial Hospital, as well as Northwestern, Loyola and DePaul Universities. She also served as past president of the Service Club of Chicago. President Clinton appointed her to serve on the advisory committee for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts where she served with great distinction.

Marge was a woman who loved and was loved deeply in return by her family and her circle of friends. She considered herself a mother and homemaker above all else. When asked what she considered the greatest monument of her life to be, she responded that it was her four children and the successful lives they created. Marge had a great sense of humor and an enormous amount of talent, energy and good common sense. She had an ability to get right to the heart of issues and would discuss them from a human point of view.

I ask all my colleagues in the House to join me in expressing our collective sympathy to the family of Marge Hartigan and by doing so, honor her life and her work to make her community and our country better for human kind.

### TRIBUTE TO BILL BASCH ON HIS RECEIVING THE RAOUL WALLENBERG MEDAL

#### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Bill Basch on the occasion of his receiving the Raoul Wallenberg Medal. For the past twelve years, the Raoul Wallenberg Executive Committee of the University of Michigan has awarded the Raoul Wallenberg Medal to an individual who has demonstrated through their work an unwavering commitment to upholding the humanitarian values that the legacy of Raoul Wallenberg embodies.

Raoul Wallenberg's extraordinary rescue efforts saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from certain death at the hands of the Nazis and their allies in Hungary during the Second World War. His subsequent kidnapping by Soviet troops and his disappearance into the Soviet gulag elevated him into one of the truly outstanding heroes and role models of

modern times. Both my wife, Annette, and I owe our lives to the valor and ingenuity of Raoul Wallenberg in his heroic humanitarian efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted that Bill Basch, a Holocaust survivor, has been selected to receive the thirteenth Raoul Wallenberg Medal. His efforts to assist Wallenberg in the rescue of Hungarian Jews during World War II render him a worthy recipient of this outstanding humanitarian award. As the Nazi occupation spread into Hungarian territory in 1944, Bill Basch, only sixteen years old at the time, was sent from his small Hungarian village to survive in the streets of Budapest. Though his own life was in constant danger, he nevertheless undertook the extremely dangerous mission of assisting Raoul Wallenberg in the production and distribution of protective passports for those incarcerated within the walls of the so-called international ghetto in Budapest.

Before he was captured and deported to the concentration camp at Buchenwald, Bill delivered hundreds of schutzpasse (protective passports) which were instrumental to the survival of those hiding in the Swedish houses protected by Wallenberg. He used underground passages and the sewage system to get into the houses, but he was captured as he tried to leave through one of these secret routes. As he accidentally surfaced outside one of the safehouses, he was suddenly confronted by Arrow Cross (Hungarian Fascist) guards. He attempted to elude the Arrow Cross by mingling with a group of people in the area. Unbeknownst to him, this group, suddenly surrounded by more Arrow Cross soldiers, was in fact being marched to the deportation trains headed for Buchenwald.

Mr. Speaker, in spite of many months of endured suffering in Nazi concentration camps, Bill Basch survived one of the darkest eras of human history. In 1946 he arrived in the United States of America after having been transferred from one displaced persons camp to another, first in Austria and then in Southern Italy.

Like so many immigrants who sought refuge and renewal in the United States, Bill arrived by ship at Ellis Island in New York Harbor. He was penniless, without family, and unable to communicate in the English language. Despite all of these obstacles, he persevered. He had already demonstrated that as a survivor. He eventually settled in the Los Angeles area and established himself as a successful businessman in the garment industry, property investment, and numerous other business ventures, all of which brought him much prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to the material comfort Bill has earned in America, he finds greater happiness in the personal prosperity he has found with his family. Bill is father to one son and two daughters, and grandfather to two grandsons and three granddaughters. Sadly, in 1979 Bill Basch lost his wife, Rose, a survivor of Auschwitz, due to complications stemming from torturous medical experiments

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conducted by Nazis in the concentration camp. Nevertheless he has continued to appreciate and value the gift of life for which he so arduously fought in the Second World War.

Fifteen years ago Bill Basch retired from the business world, and this gave him the opportunity to reflect on his past, particularly his experience in the Holocaust. He began to wonder why he survived while so many others were murdered. Five years into retirement, Bill's ten-year old granddaughter, Heidi Basch, asked him to speak to her sixth grade class about his experience in the Holocaust. This began the next phase of Bill's life.

Mr. Speaker, Bill continues his commendable humanitarian work by dedicating his life to Holocaust education. He regularly gives lectures and interviews to students young and old in Southern California, where he still resides. He hopes to instill an obligation and trust in youth, which compels them to speak out against crimes against humanity, wherever they occur.

Bill's moving story of survival came to the attention of the Shoah Foundation, an organization created by Steven Spielberg after he made the movie *Shindler's List*. The Shoah foundation employs numerous individuals dedicated to the accumulation of testimonies of Holocaust survivors throughout the world, and one of the accounts they added to the archive was Bill Basch's personal history.

In 1997, Spielberg began researching survivors' testimonies for the *The Last Days*, the academy award winning documentary film which focused upon five Hungarian survivors whose stories intertwine through their connections with Raoul Wallenberg. Due to Mr. Basch's involvement in Wallenberg's heroic efforts to save thousands of Hungarian Jews, he was selected to take part in this film. My own personal story is also told in *The Last Days*, and it was in the making of that documentary that I came to know Bill Basch. I stand before you today to commend Bill both as an outstanding humanitarian and as my personal friend.

Mr. Speaker, since 1990 the University of Michigan has awarded its Wallenberg Medal to twelve individuals whose humanitarian actions exemplify those of Raoul Wallenberg. Medal recipients include Nobel Laureates Elie Wiesel, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and Miep Gies, the woman who supported Anne Frank and her family in hiding.

Mr. Speaker, this year, Bill joins the ranks of these remarkable human beings who have made incredible efforts to speak and act out against man's inhumanity to man. I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Bill Basch, the Raoul Wallenberg Medal recipient of 2003.

#### MOTHER TERESA: A TRIBUTE TO THE ANGEL OF MERCY

#### HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, soft-spoken, demure, barely five feet tall, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu changed the world with her selfless heart for the suffering. Known to all as Mother Teresa, this Roman Catholic nun of Albanian descent lived out her calling in the slums of

Calcutta, India, offering decency and self-respect to the inhabitants of the streets and gutters. The depth of her compassion for the unwanted and uncared for left an indelible impression on this world.

Her impact was most directly felt in Calcutta, where she established and directed her order, Missionaries of Charity. But the effect of her mercy reached far and wide, through a network of homes around the world for the poorest of the poor. Wielding the weapon of love, Mother Teresa combated hunger, disease, and death with a quiet spirituality that defied discouragement. She brought attention to the despair of those trampled underneath the weight of wealth and affluence, while underscoring their hope for dignity. The simplicity of her message, that there is nothing acceptable or noble about poverty, resonated well with the natives of her adopted country.

At the height of the siege in Beirut in the early 1980s, Mother Teresa persuaded the Palestinian guerillas and the Israeli army to stop fighting long enough for her to rescue 37 children with mental retardation from a hospital on the front lines. She was then 72 years old.

She pioneered one of the first homes for AIDS victims, established a leper colony called Shanti Nagar (Town of Peace), and created a home for the dying poor—the Nirmal Hriday, or "Pure Heart," Home for Dying Destitutes, where homeless people who could not receive care from other institutions were washed and fed by the sisters, and allowed to die with dignity.

Mother Teresa described her mission as caring for "not just the poor, but the poorest of the poor: those who are so dirty and full of germs that no one goes near them; those who do not go to pray because they are naked; those who do not eat because they do not have the strength, those who collapse on the sidewalks knowing they are about to die while the living walk by without even looking back; those who do not cry because they have no more tears left."

Upon her death, we were left with, in the words of French President Jacques Chirac, "less love, less compassion, less light in the world."

#### TRIBUTE TO PAULETTE WAGGONER

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Paulette Waggoner of Kim, Colorado selflessly dedicates her time and efforts to helping children experience the excitement of the rodeo, a longstanding western tradition. Her love and dedication to this unique western experience is truly inspirational, and I am honored to share Paulette's story here today.

Paulette has been involved with the Kids Rodeo for fifty-one years, beginning when she raced Shetland ponies as a young girl. She donates her time and energy to sharing her extensive knowledge of the rodeo with young Coloradans in my district. Whether it is helping with the Three Horse Relay, a race comprised

of three-rider teams, or working as a timer, Paulette is always there to lend a hand. Paulette and her husband Kent also lend horses to children who need them in order to compete. She has helped many children win All-Around titles.

Mr. Speaker, countless children have learned the joy and excitement of the rodeo because of the ceaseless work of Paulette Waggoner. Her dedication and hard work keep the tradition and heritage of the rodeo alive, and I am honored to join with my colleagues here today in extending my thanks to Paulette and wishing her the best of luck in the future. Thank you, Paulette, for your service to Colorado.

#### REMEMBERING THE LATE SHANNON BYBEE

#### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Shannon Bybee, executive director of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas' International Gaming Institute and a pillar of our community, who passed away last week at the age of 65.

Shannon Bybee was born Aug. 29, 1938, in Tropic, Utah. Shannon Bybee graduated from the University of Utah College of Law in 1969 and clerked for Nevada Supreme Court Justice Jon Collins. He was appointed to the Nevada Gaming Control Board in 1971. Shannon went on from that position to run casinos in both New Jersey and Nevada.

After his successes in the gaming industry, Shannon joined UNLV in 1994, teaching classes at the school's College of Hotel Administration and the William S. Boyd School of Law, and directing UNLV's International Gaming Institute.

Shannon is survived by his wife Norma Reid Bybee, daughters Kelli Poll and Erin Belanger, and sons Sean Bybee, Brendan Bybee and Reid Bybee, as well as 12 grandchildren. He is also survived by sister, Molly Adams, and brothers Patrick Bybee and Evan Bybee.

People like Shannon Bybee helped make Las Vegas what it is today. Shannon always demonstrated, in his industry and educational careers, his commitment to the people and well-being of Las Vegas and Southern Nevada. My condolences are with his wife Norma and their family.

#### TRIBUTE TO BILL STEARMAN

#### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, in Indiana, high school basketball is a passion. My home state has produced thousands of first-rate players and coaches since the 1940s. And one such hero passed away on Tuesday at the age of 79.

Coach Bill Stearman's basketball acumen earned him legendary status throughout Indiana. His Columbus High and then Columbus North teams won 714 games, included among